## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUBSISTENCE/PERSONAL USE SABLEFISH PERMIT REQUIRED

Sitka...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that effective July 13, 2012, a personal use fishing permit will be required to take sablefish under personal use regulations (5 AAC 77.674) and a subsistence fishing permit will be required to take sablefish under subsistence regulations (5AAC 01.730) in Southeastern Alaska. One permit will be issued per household per year. Information required on the permit includes, but is not limited to: date of fishing, gear type used, fishing location, and number of sablefish retained and discarded. This information will allow the department to more accurately account for sablefish subsistence and personal use mortality when assessing sablefish stock status.

The permit requirement was adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in March 2012. Subsistence/personal use sablefish permits and subsistence and personal use groundfish harvest area maps will be available at local department area offices in early July 2012.

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